MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
10 PARK PLAZA
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116-3975

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for **MBTA Contract No. Q32CN01, Orange Line– Haymarket North Extension Signal System Replacement Project, Boston, Somerville, Malden and Medford Massachusetts (Class 6, Signaling , Project Value – $43,841,121.00)** will be received by the Deputy Director of Design and Construction, Contracts, at the Contract Administration Office, 5th Floor, Room 5610, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116-3975, until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on **April 24, 2003.** Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work consists of providing final detailed design, all material and equipment required for complete replacement of the existing "Haymarket North" signal system between Downtown Crossing and Oak Grove with a new signal system. The new signal system shall provide double direction automatic train operations based on cab signaling similar in operation to that installed on the "Southwest Corridor" portion of the line. Materials and equipment shall also include all provisions required for interface out to Chinatown (Essex) and the Operations Control Center (OCC) located at 45 High St., Boston, Massachusetts. Replacement shall include all cable and cable system related elements required for a working system. No modification to the carborne equipment will be allowed.

This Contract is subject to a financial assistance Contract between the MBTA and the Federal Transit Administration of U.S. Department of Transportation. FTA Participation, eighty percent (80%).

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a "Request for Bid Form" which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the address above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning on **March 19, 2003**, Monday through Friday, at a charge of $500.00 per copy. The Authority's STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS AND DIVISION 1 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS dated November, 1983, is available at a charge of $5.00 per copy. Authority's STANDARD SPECIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION, dated January 1980, is available at a charge of $15.00 per copy. The MBTA's Standard Plan entitled "MBTA Railroad Operations - Book of Standard Plans - Track and Roadway" is available at a charge of $30.00 per copy, payable by separate check. Also, the MBTA's Standard Plan entitled "MBTA Railroad Operations - Commuter Rail Design Standards Manual," is available at a charge of $35.00 per copy, payable by separate check. Bidding documents will be sent upon request and receipt of an additional fee of $15.00, payable by separate check. Bidding documents will be forwarded by AirFreight, where such service is available, at the expense of the plan holder. NONE OF THESE CHARGES ARE REFUNDABLE.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of fifteen percent **(15%).**

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, Ms. Roma McKenzie-Campbell, Project Manager, Signals and Communications Improvements, 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130, Telephone (617) 222-4428. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on **March 31, 2003**. Bidders are requested to be present on the inbound platform at Wellington Station, Medford, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned.

A prebid conference will be held on **April 1, 2003** at 9:00 a.m. at the office of Ms. Roma McKenzie-Campbell, Project Manager, Signals and Communications Improvements, Conference Room No.2 (2nd floor), 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130. Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to Federal wage and hourly laws and minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bidders are advised that the "Buy America" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L-97-424) as amended, apply to any Contract, procurement or agreement which results from this solicitation.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.
This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:

http://www.mbta.com/business_t/bidding.asp/

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Date: **March 10, 2003**

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